

On motion of Mr Taylor, of Fannin, the bill was amended by striking out "except for the loss of the steamship Merchant." The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A bill directing the payment of certain public debt certificates; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Joint Resolution concerning the Public Debt, together with the report of the committee on Public Debt, offering an amendment thereto, was read.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, offered a substitute for the Joint Resolution and amendment.

On motion of Mr Palmer, the Joint Resolution and substitute were referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Resolution of the Senate, offered by Mr Caldwell, on day before yesterday, read and rejected by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Caldwell, Guinn, Hill, Lott, Pirkey, Russell, Taylor, of Cass, and Whitaker—8.

NAYS—Messrs Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Doane, Flanagan, Grimes, Hord, McCulloch, Martin, Maverick, Milligan, Palmer, Potter, Scarborough, Superviele, Taylor, of F., Truit, Weatherford, White and Wren—21.

Mr Russell, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill supplementary to an Act to define the time of holding the District Courts in the 13th Judicial District, and a bill to incorporate Soule University, correctly engrossed.

Mr Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed—

A bill to legalize the official acts of John H Smither, as Clerk of the District Court of Bowie county.

A bill for the relief of Com. E. W. Moore; and

A bill directing the payment of certain Public Debt certificates therein named.

A bill for the relief of the young men of Red River and Lamar counties, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering a substitute therefor, was read.

On motion of Mr McCulloch, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, Jan. 17, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr McCulloch presented the petition of Levi English; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No 2.

Mr McCulloch introduced a bill to amend the charter of the

San Antonio Railroad Company, approved Sept. 5, 1850 : read first and second times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A message was received from the Goernor, transmitting the following communication:

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith a further report from the Commissioners to prepare a Code, amending, supplying, revising, digesting and arranging the laws, civil and criminal.

This report embraces "A Penal Code," preceded by a report of the Commissioners, explanatory of the changes which it makes in our present laws, and of the principles which guided them in its preparation.

I have given this Code a careful examination, and have no hesitation in recommending it for your adoption.

Two hundred copies of the report and Code have been printed, which are subject to the disposition of the two houses.

The revision of the General Statutes is now being published, and as soon as completed will be sent in.

E. M. PEASE.

On motion of Mr Taylor, of Cass, the communication was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr Weatherford, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 A. M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order, by the President pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Martin presented the petition of Mary Jackson; referred to the committee on public lands.

Also, the petition of Geo. Watts Walker; referred to the committee on private land claims no. 1.

On motion of Mr Lott, a joint resolution making an appropriation of \$5,548 70 to meet certain expenditures incurred by the penitentiary—was taken up, read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Martin, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Palmer, a bill for the relief of the Galveston and Red River Rail Road company, and supplementary to the several acts incorporating said company, was taken up and the amendments of the House, concurred in by the following vote :